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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1764

Application No.: 10/656,121

Examiner: T. DUONG

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For: EXHAUST-GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 10, 2007 Office Action, and in consideration of the November 29, 2007 telephone interview with the Examiner, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Duong during the November 29 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of a summary of the substance of the telephone interview is contained in the following remarks.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 2, rejects claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-A-09-317452 (hereinafter "JP '452") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,402,662 to Pfefferle or International Publication No. WO 99/64732 (hereinafter "WO '732") and U.S. Patent No. 4,203,502 to Strader. The Office Action, in paragraph 3, provisionally rejects claims 1-10 under the doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable